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ACT OF INJUSTICE.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP IN CONGRUOUS PARTS.

Reason for Separation—Expense. New Township will incur—Expense. The town will have to pay for the same. The town will have to pay for the same. The town will have to pay for the same.

As residing within the limits of the township of Glen Ridge are examined a map of the township of Glen Ridge, trace out the township of Glen Ridge, and then give close attention to the township of Glen Ridge. There is no doubt but that the township of Glen Ridge will naturally suggest itself, "Is it of justice to thus practically the geographical destruction of the township of Glen Ridge, merely for the sake of a borough in Glen Ridge?"

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in at once on an equal footing with Bloomfield without a tremendous outlay of money? Bloomfield has its officers and equipment necessary to carry on public business. Glen Ridge has these things to get. No doubt at the start local zeal may prompt some people to offer free of cost some of these necessities of government, but the zeal will be short-lived and it will not be long before the taxpayers are called on to foot the bills.

The contingent expenses of Bloomfield amount to about \$10,000 per annum. An examination of this class of expenditures will convince the people of Glen Ridge that they are of a class that will be just as necessary to properly conduct a government in Glen Ridge. Rentals, clerical and stationery expenses, public printing, election expenses, and numerous other matters, will all be just as necessary and just as expensive in the new borough of Glen Ridge as in Bloomfield.

In a community closely built up with frame houses a fire department will be an imperative necessity. Bloomfield has one and it is a good one, and is conducted on a very economical basis. The new borough of Glen Ridge will have to have one and it is very doubtful whether a volunteer department could be organized there and if it cannot an expensive paid department will have to be maintained.

An organized police department is a recent addition to the municipal improvements in Bloomfield. It is gradually being extended so as to give police patrol over the entire township. Glen Ridge will have no police department to start with. The new borough will not be long in existence before a police department will be a necessity, and it cannot be maintained at anywhere near the proportion of the cost now paid by Glen Ridge towards the maintenance of the Bloomfield police force.

There is in every township, large or small, and also in every city, a certain degree of sectional antagonism. It exists in a large measure in East Orange and in a smaller measure in Bloomfield. It is an unusual feature in Bloomfield, striving to pull in its tentacles, and is a most serious part of the business, why is it that the people of Glen Ridge are asked to plunge into a discussion of the township of Glen Ridge?

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some very ugly complications are visible with respect to sewers.

The outlet sewers of the town of Glen Ridge will have to traverse the streets of Bloomfield. Bloomfield will be asked to grant right of way. It will be granted for a consideration and that consideration will be that the town of Glen Ridge construct the entire length of sewer and accord Bloomfield the right to use it.

Some of the borough men contemplate sewerage and macadamizing the whole north end of the new borough at once. That locality borders on a part of Bloomfield that will not want sewers for almost a quarter of a century yet.

These borough men blandly put it that Bloomfield will at once co-operate with this proposed elaborate improvement. In this the borough men have miscalculated. Perhaps those men can use the new town of Glen Ridge in the promotion of real-estate speculations, but they will find that the township of Bloomfield is not to be used for any such schemes. If it is necessary to carry an outlet sewer from the extreme north end of Glen Ridge through that portion of it that runs through Bloomfield streets must be paid for by the taxpayers of Glen Ridge borough.

It is very evident that the matter of sewers offers no indication of a reduction in taxes in Glen Ridge.

The small borough of Glen Ridge cannot make a more favorable contract for street lighting than the whole township of Bloomfield can.

Macadamized roads and flagstone sidewalks will not be any cheaper in Glen Ridge than in Bloomfield.

The whole category of public improvements can be gone over and in no instance can it be pointed out that the prospect of a reduction of taxes suggests itself in any one of them.

A sort of principle of virtual velocities will of course apply in Glen Ridge as elsewhere, that is for more taxes paid more improvements will be obtained. The people of Glen Ridge can have gaslights over the entire town as close together as on Highland Avenue, but it is not a matter of course.

As a moral measure it ought to commend itself to the residents of Glen Ridge. It is altogether inexplicable why it should be put forward as a cause for separation. It cannot be possible that the seven voices are voicing the sentiment of Glen Ridge in this matter.

Does Glen Ridge want to put forth this proposition: "Withdraw the Short Law election and we will withdraw our borough scheme?" What sort of a spectacle would Bloomfield present to neighboring townships by acquiescing in such a demand?

Politically, financially, and socially the people of Glen Ridge have nothing to gain by the proposed separation. Two townships of outlandish geographical proportions would be created by it.

Two sets of governmental machinery would have to be maintained to perform work that can now be very well accomplished by one.

Animosities will be engendered that will eventually work to the injury of both places.

The separation will not be without its blighting effect on the religious and charitable work of the town.

It is very likely that while there is not much said in Glen Ridge in opposition to the borough, there are a great many people there who will carefully consider the matter from various standpoints and have their minds thoroughly made up when it comes to the decisive moment of casting the ballot. Conservative people are not prone to sudden changes, particularly in the matter of government and there is a large conservative element in Glen Ridge. It may not be conspicuous in the committee of seven, but it has an abiding place in the community and will manifest itself on election day. No evidence seems to have been put forward of a kind that will convince the conservative element that a change is an imperative necessity. The evidence is of a contrary nature. The southern portion of the Third Ward has voted enough to out-vote the Glen Ridge portion of the Third Ward. Yet a spirit of fairness has always conceded a member of the Township Committee to Glen Ridge.

There is no man in the whole township of Bloomfield that stands in higher esteem in the southern portion of the Third Ward than Arthur J. Lockwood of Glen Ridge. The people of Watseong worked hard to have Mr. Lockwood appointed a school trustee long before he was elected to that office, but Glen Ridge influences were at work against him, and worked his defeat for appointment. (Mr. Lockwood is opposed to the borough movement.)

The people of Bloomfield, irrespective of party, united in support of Robert S. Ridd of Glen Ridge for Town Committee. If Mr. Ridd could have been

At the only public meeting held certain grievances were set forth why Glen Ridge should separate. The facts as gleaned from the tax records have knocked the bottom out of those grievances, yet the committee of seven has not called the people together and told them so, neither has there been any formulation of a new set of grievances. The statement made at the public meeting was that the borough would be organized under the borough act of 1891. The plan has been abandoned and the committee has fallen back on the borough act of 1878. No reason for the change has been given to the people.

At a meeting held in Judge Amel Dodd's residence, the Glen Ridge committee of seven was advised to call another public meeting before taking any further steps and give some of those people who are opposed to the borough a chance to be heard.

The Glen Ridge Committee did not deem it frequent to follow that advice. The committee of seven appear to go on the theory that the less the public are let into their scheme the better. They assume that they are the oracles and their dictations will be implicitly obeyed. If such a spirit of abnegation of individuality prevails in Glen Ridge it has only lately taken up residence there. Glen Ridge people are generally ready to express individual opinions in all public matter and fully capable of doing so. Why they are not called together on this momentous occasion is a mystery.

The seven voices of Glen Ridge sing with one accord this chant: "Bloomfield is going to adopt the Short Law and before it does so Glen Ridge ought to get out." If this sudden inspiration of progress on the part of Bloomfield so utterly astonished the people of Glen Ridge that they deemed it prudent to retire a while to regain their equilibrium, it would be a pardonable act, for the Glen Ridgeites were not the only ones astonished at this remarkable action on the part of Bloomfield. But it is not mere astonishment that ails Glen Ridge. It is given out that the threatened adoption of the Short Law furnishes a real matter of surprise. It is a matter of surprise.

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defeated Glen Ridge influences would have brought it about. These are facts known to those familiar with the politics of the town.

If Glen Ridge has not had its equal say in the politics of the town it has been due to the animosities and jealousies among themselves, and not from any concerted action against them on the part of the people of Bloomfield. The fact is that an overdue consideration has been shown Glen Ridge. As a community the people there have not taken the active interest in politics that they should take, and in their absence the people of Bloomfield have very kindly cared for and looked after their interest.

A concerted movement on the part of the people of Bloomfield could have abolished the Glen Ridge Post-office in the interest of the free postal delivery system of Bloomfield but consideration for the people of Glen Ridge prevented any such step.

Let the oldest inhabitants of Glen Ridge look backward, and after reviewing the history of the past twenty-five years, ask themselves the question, is it an act of justice to the people of Bloomfield to reduce that Township to a mere village.

The Mozart Concert. The Mozart Club gave another of their delightful concerts on Tuesday night before an audience that completely filled the Christ Church Parish House. The concert was complimentary, and nearly everybody who received an invitation gladly responded, bringing together a fine and appreciative audience.

The Mozart Club came in for a very large share of praise for its excellent performances. As a medium for creating an interest in music among young people and developing their talent the Mozart is an institution of incalculable benefit. It is a matter of local pride that such a fine concert as that of Tuesday night can be furnished by youthful local talent.

George E. Clauser, the leader of the club, is also a tenor singer of fine voice, and he sang several solos on Tuesday night which were very well received.

Miss Sylvie Rlotte, a soprano soloist also met with a hearty reception. A Cello duet by Morris E. Smith and Walter Colt Ward of the Mozart was enthusiastically received.

The orchestra was made up as follows: Violins, Miss Alice Seymour, Theodore Gordon Ward, William N. Ward, Frank W. Spencer, and Philip Embury; viola, Edward G. Ward; cellos, Morris E. Smith, Walter Colt Ward; flute, Robert W. Gardner; clarinet, Edward W. Gardner; drum, George W. Cook, Jr.; cornet, William G. Spencer, Jr.; piano, Miss Maude Seymour. The following programme was presented:

1. Overture, "Jolly Bandits," Mozart Club.
2. Tenor Solo, "Sonnet," Geo. E. Clauser.
3. Soprano Solo, "The Merry Merry Lark," Miss Sylvie Rlotte.
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5. Waltz, "The Merry Merry Lark," Miss Sylvie Rlotte.
6. Tenor Solo, "My Love Will Come to-day," Geo. E. Clauser.
7. Cello Duet, "Andantino," Morris E. Smith and Walter Colt Ward.
8. Selection, "Gnomes' March," Mozart Club.
9. Soprano Solo, "As the Dawn," Miss Sylvie Rlotte.
10. Selection, "Mandarin Gavotte," Mozart Club.

The Glen Ridge School. At the meeting of the Board of Education last week the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Resolved, That the Building Committee be directed to give public notice that the Board of Education for the present do not recommend the preparation of plans for a school at Glen Ridge, owing to unexpected contingencies which have arisen since the original notices were given."

There is nothing threatening or retaliatory against Glen Ridge in the above resolution. By the provision of section 24 of the new school law, Glen Ridge, if it was organized as a borough, would be a school district by itself and have its own Board of Education.

A schoolhouse built in the borough would be built by the borough Board of Education, and would be likely to combine high-school, grammar-school, and primary facilities.

In view of these facts the Bloomfield Board did not deem it prudent to go ahead any further with a building that would not be likely to meet the needs of the place.

It will be obvious to the people of Glen Ridge that the course pursued by the School Board is perfectly right and proper under the circumstances. It would be presumptuous to go ahead and erect a schoolhouse that would prove to be inadequate to the needs of the new town.

For a County Teacher's Association. A meeting of the school principals of Essex County will be held to-day in the High School to outline a plan of organization for a County Teachers' Association. Professor Austin E. Appar, of the State Normal School, Trenton, will address the gathering on "Nature Study," and Frank C. S. Coe, of East Orange, on "Class Exercise in Nature Study." This will be followed by a discussion and a business session.

BROTHER HUNT CANED.

BY HIS BRETHREN IN EXCELSIOR LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

A Festive Gathering of the Members of Excelsior Lodge—Brothers Causbrook, Robotham and Bersteecher Kindly Remembered—The Hungry Army Fed and Entertained.

On last Wednesday evening the rooms of Excelsior Lodge No. 2342, Knights of Honor, were filled to their full capacity with members and their friends, the occasion being the annual installation of the new officers. The Deputy of the Lodge, Brother B. H. Van Ness, being present with Grand officers Bladon, Scherff, Betzler installed the following as officers for the ensuing year: Past Dictator, George Hunt; Dictator, Charles H. Philbrick; Vice-Dictator, James Gibbons; Assistant Dictator, Theodore N. Parent; Reporter, Willis H. Cadmus; Financial Reporter, C. L. Voorhees; Treasurer, George M. Cadmus; Chaplin, William A. Aldrich; Guide, Herbert A. Griffith; Guardian, Henry J. Sommerkamp; Sentinel, Enoch Chatterton; Trustees, John Causbrook, Joseph R. Rusby, and Edwin H. Griffith.

After the installation Brother Van Ness in behalf of the lodge presented to Brother Hunt, the retiring Dictator, a beautiful gold headed cane as a token of esteem. Brother Hunt responded in a fitting speech in which he expressed his thanks.

Brothers Bersteecher, Robotham and Causbrook were also presented with handsome copies of "Scenic America" in appreciation of their faithful service as trustees of the lodge. The programme consisted of piano solos and duets by the Misses Bersteecher, Miss Carroll, Miss Hunt, piano and violin by Brothers Philbrick, Parent and Bersteecher. Songs by Miss Sommerkamp and Miss Griffith, and by Brothers Boyle, Sommerkamp, Morrison, W. Monk, J. Bailey, Griffith and others, and recitations by Brothers Aldrich and Gibbons. After a character song by Captain William Bailey of the Hungry Army, a collation of cake and cream were served by a special squad of said army detailed for the purpose.

Excelsior Lodge is fortunately having among its membership a large number of active in the work, and is having an auxiliary, composed of the wives, sisters and daughters of the members, whose genial presence and assistance has had much to do with the success and welfare of the lodge.

The Choral Service. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a good congregation, was present in Christ Church last Sunday evening at the Epiphany Choral Festival. The order of service as given in last week's issue, showed that the anthems, from the Oratorio, "Messiah" were of an unusually high order, and difficult for the ordinary choir to render, but all unite in saying that every selection was well executed. The alto solo "O Thou that bringest good tidings," was well rendered by Master George Camp; and the soprano recitatives were so well sung by Master Clement Camp, as to call for more than ordinary commendation.

The quality of tone, and accuracy of attack in the choruses were exceedingly good.

The offertory solo, by Mr. J. M. Solomon was very much enjoyed. The Pastoral Symphony for the organ, from the "Messiah" was one of the gems of the service, and its expressive rendition. The organist, Mr. John A. Wade, showed himself a master of the King of Instruments. Great credit is certainly due him as choirmaster not only in the development of the solo voices, but also in the development and training of the whole choir. When Mr. Wade took charge of the music of the church last May the choir was in a very crude condition, but under his instruction and training it is acknowledged to be now one of the best vested choirs in this part of the State. The next Choral Festival will be held on the evening of February 10th.

Trip Around the World. An illustrated lecture, entitled "A trip around the World," will be given in the First Baptist Church on Friday evening, January 25th, by Dr. George Macdonald Major. Dr. Major's lecture has been delivered before large audiences in the large cities of the country, and is highly praised by the press as an eloquent, graphic, and unique entertainment, both interesting and instructive. The best dissolving view apparatus will be used, and the views to be presented are very fine and Dr. Major's elucidation of them a charming word painting. This entertainment is given under the auspices of the Earnest Workers and Learners, an association of young ladies connected with the church, and the proceeds are to be used in mission work. The tickets are 35 cents and can be procured at George M. Wood's Drug Store.